



NEWS RELEASE

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Impaired Driver Allegedly Strikes Vehicle in Funeral Procession

Deputies escorting a funeral procession on Saturday afternoon attempted to stop a hit and run driver which led to a short vehicle pursuit. On Saturday at approximately 12:30 PM Sgt. Chad Brubaker was escorting a funeral procession on the eastern bypass outside of Warrenton when he noticed a red Ford Focus aggressively changing lanes, ending up between the Sheriff's cruiser and the hearse. The vehicle then passed Sgt. Brubaker followed by another vehicle. The driver of the second vehicle pulled alongside Sgt. Brubaker and advised the Ford Focus had rear-ended their vehicle while in the procession.

After receiving this information Sgt. Brubaker attempted to stop the Ford Focus. The Focus continued south on the eastern bypass exiting onto the Meetze Rd exit ramp. The Focus continued across Meetze Rd onto the southbound exit and back onto the bypass. When the Focus approached traffic stopped for the Lord Fairfax Drive light it made a u-turn in the median losing the inner fender well cover. The Focus then drove north on the bypass and exited onto the Meetze Road exit ramp. The Focus crossed the median on Meetze Road and became disabled in the opposite lane of travel at which time Sgt. Brubaker made contact with the female driver.

Kara Rene Deans, 22, of Bealeton, VA is charged with DUI, felony eluding, felony hit and run and interfering with a funeral procession. The pursuit reached speeds in excess of 100 MPH at times. Deans was held with no bond at the time of arrest at the Fauquier County Adult Detention Center.

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